THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2014

C.B. NO. 18-118

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend section 204 title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 10-55, 13-75, and 15-09, to create an Office of Gender Affairs in the National Government Executive Branch, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

Section 1. Policy and purpose. It is hereby declared to be 1 the policy of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide for an 2 office in the National Government Executive Branch which shall 3 enable the female citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia 4 to participate fully in their own education and training, in the 5 6 workforce, and in the leadership and development of their communities and this Nation. To this end, an Office of Gender 7 Affairs shall be established to assist the Nation's female 8 citizens to participate in their education, economic and social 9 development, and to encourage their participation in all levels of 10 the government. In order to achieve these goals the Office of 11 Gender Affairs shall be established as an independent entity, 12 distinct and separate from the Department of Health and Social 13 Affairs, and all other departments of the National Government 14 Executive Branch. 15

16 Section 2. Section 204 of title 2 of the Code of the 17 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws No. 10-18 55, 13-75 and 15-09, is hereby further amended to read as 19 follows:

1	"Section 204. Other Executive Offices.
2	There shall be the following executive offices:
3	(1) Office of the Public Defender;
4	(2) Office of Statistics, Budget, Overseas Development
5	Assistance and COMPACT Management;
6	(3) Office of Environment and Emergency Management;
7	(4) Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic
8	Preservation [-] <u>; and</u>
9	(5) Office of Gender Affairs."
10	Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
11	President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
12	becoming law without such approval.
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14	Date: <u>1/14/14</u> Introduced by: <u>/s/ Yosiwo P. George</u>
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